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MEMORANDUM FOR : Executive Director, NPIC  
THROUGH : Chief, Development & Engineering Division, TSSG  
THROUGH : Chief, Technical Services & Support Group  
SUBJECT : NPIC Visual Acuity Program

1. The first phase of the Center's Vision Study is scheduled for completion at the end of this month. At that time nearly all qualified personnel will have been tested and retested in the revised test program. On 22 May I am scheduled to discuss with OMS personnel the scores of those individuals who are substantially below the national norms in one or more of the various test categories. I also intend to initiate a complete analysis of the test and retest results early in the month of June. However, I may be unable to use the OMS computer programs for this analysis, since they are currently not designed to compute the requisite correlations. As a result, the data reduction and analyses may have to be done on a hand calculator. Discussions with OMS personnel this date indicate that the programs might be modified to the extent that they will handle the data. I requested that attempts be made to write the modifications, and I further requested that OMS/AES provide the manpower to execute manual calculations if this proves necessary. Following the analyses, I intend to provide your office with a final report of the past year's efforts.

2. I recommend that the testing phase of the program be suspended for at least a sixty-day period. I must order new test materials, and I shall need time to digest the results. Moreover, the laboratory personnel are in need of a respite from their demanding test schedules.

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